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Bates-Hendricks Newsletter

Good Neighbor Weekend a Huge Success

You heard us promote it months in advance, and by now you've probably seen or heard about the accomplishments of the October 13 and 14 Good Neighbor Weekend. The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association (bateshendricks.org), in conjunction with Immanuel United Church of Christ (immanuelunited.org) coordinated and hosted a hugely successful volunteer weekend in the neighborhood. Over 500 volunteers, including neighborhood residents, Immanuel UCC congregation, the youth tree team from Keep Indianapolis Beautiful (KIB), and approximately 300 from Northview Church (northviewchurch.us), completed every project that we set out to complete.

Due to the drought over the summer, many of the plants and trees along the Morris/Prospect Corridor and New Jersey Street Esplanade did not survive. These plants/trees were replaced and new mulch was installed. A vacant lot at the corner of Alabama and Lincoln Streets was transformed into a garden for IPS School 31, complete with planting beds, a picket fence, and a trellis. Major progress was made on the interior remodeling of the former Sassy Kats showclub into a community center. Two lots were cleaned up at Singleton and Beecher in preparation of installing a park. A new landscaped pocket park area was installed around the 600 Block of Prospect (on the north side). Finally, trash was cleaned up from streets and alleys. In total, six 40-cubic-yard roll-off dumpsters were completely filled. If you haven't had a chance to check out these projects, please take time to drive by and appreciate them. See photos on the Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Facebook page: facebook.com/bateshendricks



Morris/Prospect Corridor Maintenance



Dathouse Community Center



School 31 Community Garden

2012 Leaf Collection

This year's leaf collection program will begin on November 5 and run until November 30. The program will be as it has been in the past: 40 bags per week in addition to the regular trash limit. Leaves should be sealed in plastic or large paper lawn-waste bags at least three feet away from your trash cart.



DPW reuses collected leaves as compost and makes it available to Marion County residents free of charge year round. Compost can be used as a soil conditioner, potting soil, or mulch. Using compost improves soil aeration, drainage, and nutrient exchange to improve the health of lawns and help gardens grow.

As a reminder, it is illegal to burn leaves in Marion County. Smoke from burning leaves pollutes the air with harmful particles and is hazardous to young children and people with heart and lung disease. More information can be found at: indy.gov/eGov/City/DPW/Trash/Pages/LeafCollection.aspx

East Street Flats Project Underway



In October, work commenced on Phase 1 of Southeast Neighborhood Development's (SEND) East Street Flats project at East and Sanders Streets. External work is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2012, with the interior work wrapping up by February of 2013. Funding is currently unavailable for Phase 2 at East and Orange Streets, but SEND ultimately hopes to continue the project there. View conceptual renderings of the project at:

bateshendricks.org/news/downloads/2012/EastStreetFlats.pdf



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Letter from the President

Help Bates-Hendricks by Voting on November 6

It is that time again. We all have some important decisions to make with regard to who we are voting for in the November 6 election. It is important that everyone does vote. Voting provides an important way to voice your opinions regarding elected leaders and overall policies; voting also helps you decide your own future by electing a person who might reflect your own views. The ability to vote exists as one of the most cherished Constitutional Rights that many fought for, marched for, and died for over the centuries. By not voting, you give away your right to influence the government overall (Carol Smithstein).



BHNA President, Rob Uppencamp

Voter turnout has declined over the decades in our neighborhood. We need to control who represents us, hold them accountable, and utilize them for positive growth and improvements. We have been fortunate to have good representation in our neighborhood from the likes of people such as John Day (District 100), who has been a State Representative for over 30 years and is now retiring. I would personally like to thank Mr. Day for his service and wish him well.

I would also like to see a greater voter turnout from our neighborhood so we can influence the new era of state representatives and senators. So, get out and vote and make your voice heard. You can find your voting district information, polling location, verify your voter registration, and look up the candidates in your district at maps.indy.gov/VIP/. Keep in mind that some of the candidates representing our neighborhood will vary depending on which side of East Street you live on.

November 5 is the next Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association meeting. It also happens to be the night before Election Day. I have had a couple candidates indicate that they will be present at the meeting. Also at our November 5 meeting will be Sharon Tabard with the Community Liaison section of the Marion County Sheriff's Office Communications Division. Per discussion at our last meeting, Sharon will be talking about the 911 Telecommunication (Dispatch) Operators and call wait times.

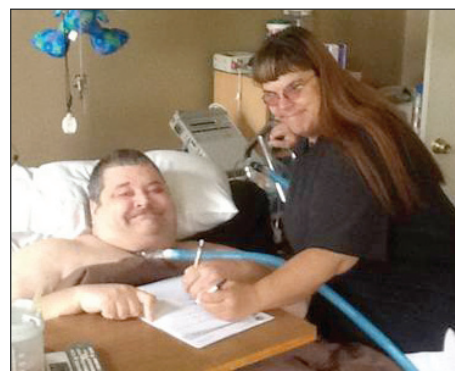
Since this is the last newsletter before Thanksgiving, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday! –Rob Uppencamp

Dathouse Reaches Out to Bates-Hendricks from Within

Dathouse Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit that strives to love its neighbors. We are namely in the Bates-Hendricks area, but also its surrounding areas. Most of the people involved have experienced the love of Jesus and this has been our motivation to love others. Many of us moved here in 2007 and started caring for our neighbors, but we did not incorporate until 2010, when we started to undertake a few bigger projects.

We try to be available to help others and have time to get to know each other. We have a kids hang-out night on Mondays for kids in grades K-6. We also hang with older kids at random times. We are passionate about youth and desire to help them develop into caring adults with satisfying lives.

Many of us who moved into this area bought houses and remodeled them, and at least have a loose background in carpentry and remodeling. Early in the year in 2011, we were talking to one of our neighbors who rented. We were shocked at how much they were paying. We knew it would be hard for them to qualify to buy a house under more normal venues. We thought it would be great if we could get the funds to acquire and repair a house and sell it to them through a land contract. That conversation birthed such a project and we completed our first home this September. We will finish a second home before spring 2013. We hope to have five houses funded and to do about one a year because, after that, the funds coming back in from the other houses would make it possible to do one home per year on an ongoing basis.



Bob & Michelle signing for their first home, recently remodeled by Dathouse, on Sanders St.



Former Sassy Kats show club at Lincoln and East Streets. Pink façade was recently removed only to discover remnants of former show club.

Dathouse and its programs have always been run from one or more of our homes. We felt strong about starting a community center and having a place that would be a better home for our organization. To that end, we acquired the former Sassy Kats show club (thanks to those who helped shut it down) in February of this year and are currently in the remodeling process. We have many ideas for uses of the building. We will definitely use it for our youth hang-out times. We would like to have family fun nights and movie showings as well. We have a passion for early education and preschool-age kids learning opportunities. We are not sure of all the things we will initiate, but we want to offer the building to be used by others who want to initiate their ideas.

We hope to build a sense of community and for neighbors to get to know one another and to care for one another. It is our hope that we can learn from one another and value our different backgrounds and differences. We think that it would be wonderful if people living around here would know that their neighbors care about them and desire to work together too.

Love and Thanks,
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Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association

The Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association strives to improve the quality of life of those living in the neighborhood through efforts to assure safety, to maintain or improve the living environment, and to enhance the spirit of cooperation and neighborliness among all residents. We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at the corner of East and Prospect at 6:30pm. Annual dues are \$3 for individuals, \$5 for families, and \$25 for businesses. Please mail dues to Craig Dukate, 1435 S. New Jersey Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225. More information about the neighborhood can be found online at bateshendricks.org.



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<http://www.facebook.com/bateshendricks>

Monthly Calendar

- Nov 5** **Bates-Hendricks Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30pm, Immanuel United Church of Christ.**
- Nov 10** All About Herbs: Herbal Crafts, Garfield Park Conservatory, 10:00 to 11:00am, \$5. Use garden herbs to make unique holiday decor.
- Nov 10** Family Nature Days: Nocturnal Animals, Garfield Park Conservatory, 2:00 to 3:00pm, free with \$1 admission. Enjoy fun nature activities and crafts. Registration required.
- Nov 10** A Beginner's Guide to Zombie Apocalypse Survival: Apocalypse Food Preparation, Fountain Square Library, 2:00pm. Please call to register for this event. Ages 13-17. Expert chefs from Your Gourmet Girlfriends show how to make delicious snacks to keep energized while holding off the horde. Participants will receive tasty samples of everything they create.
- Nov 20** Family Game Night, Fountain Square Library, 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Families are invited to play a variety of fun and educational board games with their children.
- Nov 22** Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 23** Lighting of the Circle Monument, Circle of Lights, Monument Circle downtown. Live entertainment, chosen from statewide auditions and national acts, begins at 6:00pm, with the televised show running from 7:00 to 8:00pm. The actual Monument light-up will occur at approximately 7:45pm. For more information, visit: www.indydt.com/COLeventinfo.cfm

